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Estonia

Watch and Change in Youth Radio

In April one active DFK (documentary film club) member, Kirke Metsa from Tartu Kommerts Gymnasium, started weekly presentations of Watch and Change films at YouthRadio, a radio station for youth and done by the youth. The film club radio section is called “Get to Know the World!” and it presents a different film from the Watch and Change mediathèque every week to discuss the themes presented in the film. Thus, Kirke Metsa and her colleagues are watching films weekly and researching about the countries and topics to prepare for the radio broadcasts.

It has been agreed that the section will be played weekly on Wednesdays. This is a very welcomed initiative as it shows that some of the film club members are highly motivated to spread the information on global issues to their peers in various ways. The archive of the sections: <http://noorte.maailmakool.ee/index.php?id=13253>

Poland

GREAT Campaign in Watch and Change Schools

We have decided to get schools participating in Watch and Change involved in the campaign called GREAT - Global Rights Europeans Acting Together organized in Poland by Polish Humanitarian Organization and Education for Democracy Foundation. The campaign was launched in April during the weekend workshop for film club leaders and their mentors. Since it was just few days before the Earth Day we have invited schools to use this day in their GREAT campaign.

The objective of this campaign was to show students (and teachers) local (Kenyan) initiatives undertaken for the benefit of local people without external support. We have decided to prepare special materials for two films - You deserve to know and Roots. The Vision of Wangari Mathai. We encouraged teachers to screen the first film and organize a discussion with the whole class and invited students (especially film clubs) to organize after-school screening and discussion about the Green Belt Movement described in the second feature. More than 20 schools expressed interest in participating in the campaign. In some of the schools all activities (including classes) were run exclusively by students. Students and teachers described films as surprising and interesting. It was important for us in terms of breaking stereotypes of passive Africans awaiting foreign assistance.

Slovakia

Training of teacher trainers

A training session was organized **for teachers** involved in project. The training was 4 days long and was focused on following topics: global education, cross-cutting education, presentation of topics from new toolkit, principles of fair-trade presentation by fair-trade products, watching documentaries followed by discussion with people engaged in presented topics (field-worker in Kenya talked about life in slums regarding film Students from Pumwani, two men from Institute of Middle-East Studies talked about Israel-Palestine conflict regarding film Bridge over the Wadi). Activities from the new toolkit were led by participants to gain more practice and training skills. Each evening was dedicated to reflection and feedbacks. Teacher trainers have organized 3 trainings already and trained 40 teachers. The rest is planned for August and beginning of new school year.



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Regional Festival Screenings

Screenings for students and teachers from secondary schools were organized during the One World documentary film festival in regions by regional partners. Screenings took place in 4 different towns and were visited by 3093 students.

Presentation about the West Bank

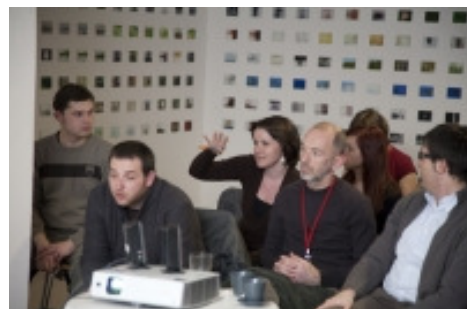
We did 4 school and 2 film club **visits** presenting situation in area of West bank. Presentation was done by coordinator of project WACH and her colleague from People in Peril Association via brief information, photos from visit of West bank, documentary film screening and discussion. Students were very interested in this topic and asked questions mostly about present situation and personal experience from the visit. See enclosed picture from visit of school in Hlohovec.

Czech Republic

One World Film Festival Highlights

During March and April 2010 People in Need organized the One World Film Festival of human rights documentary films in Prague and 29 other cities and towns across the Czech Republic. This year again, the number of visitors have exceeded the 100 000 mark. The special school projections for elementary and secondary schools were attended by 48 000 pupils, students and their teachers. We would like to thank all teachers who invited their students to the cinema this year! We look forward to meeting you next year again!

During the film festival One World in Prague, the One World in Schools conducted a seminar with a presentation of activities which the participating students and teachers who cooperate with the project Watch and Change. During the presentation the international guests were able to find out about the audiovisual methods and interactive activities which the teachers use in classrooms. One of the teachers Tomas Holubec, from Business school Kollarova in Prague who has a long experience with using the materials has agreed to come to show a practical example of the activities he uses with students when screening documentary films. Two student leaders of a film club came to speak about their experience with screening documentary films in their school. The seminar was attended by professionals from various countries who were interested in finding out or even setting up a similar project which focuses on education about human rights through documentary film. The guests were able to share experiences about their work in human rights education and learn from each other about methods and ways to enter the formal education system in their respective country.



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